CLAIMS

1. A method of administering a context management system, comprising:

    configuring a subject data definition.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    identifying one or more available context managers to administer.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein identifying further comprises:

    pinging possible context manager addresses to find the available context managers.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    maintaining in a subject data definition, which applications are allowed to access the subject.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

    storing with each application a value which is a function of but not equal to a passcode for the application.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

    encrypting the passcode to form the value.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    maintaining an inventory of applications whose context is managed.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

    maintaining a map relating User IDs to login identifiers formatted for each application in the inventory.

9. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

    configuring communication parameters for the available context managers.

10. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

generating a status report for the system.

11. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

intervening in a context management process.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein intervening further comprises:

forcing an application out of a context.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein intervening further comprises:

canceling a transaction in progress.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein intervening further comprises:

shutting down a context manager.

15. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

communicating with a context manager using a hypertext transport protocol.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the hypertext transport protocol is HTTP 1.1.

17. A context management and administrative system, comprising:

a context manager; and

an administration suite.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the administration suite further comprises:

a context administrator; and

a context server.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the context server further comprises:

a passcode service;

a user mapping agent (UMA) service; and

a lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP) service.

20.   The system of claim 19, wherein the LDAP service further comprises:

a data storage module in which the passcode service stores encrypted passcodes and in which the user mapping agent service stores user-mapping data.

21.   The system of claim 18, wherein the context server further comprises:

a registry in which the context manager is registered.

22.   The system of claim 18, wherein the context server further comprises:

configuration memory holding a common configuration used as a default configuration for the context manager.